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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral Tazewell T. Shepard
Regional Director (East Asia & Pacific)
International Security Affairs
Department of Defense

SUBJECT : Pacification in Binh Dinh Province

1. Per your request, we have taken a careful look at the pacification picture in Binh Dinh, both in terms of its current status and in terms of analyzing components thereof and trends therein over time. I am sending copies of this analysis to our other colleagues on the Sullivan Committee.

2. As I hope will be clear to any reader, the attached analysis does not in any sense whatsoever attempt to knock down or denigrate either General Barnes' briefing or the accomplishments of the 173rd Brigade under his command. In fact, our analysis seems to me to provide considerable independent support for the thesis that the picture in Binh Dinh brightened measurably during the period in which General Barnes was giving pacification a great deal of personal attention. Incidentally, we would very much like to have General Barnes come visit us on an informal basis in the near future to talk to him about Binh Dinh, pacification and related matters.

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Attachment

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